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- This Office Action is the answer to the "SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT IN REISSUE DECLARATION" filed on 2/08/2010, which paper has been placed of record in the file.
- Claims 1-22 are pending in this application; wherein claims 1,7, and 14-22 are amended.

Response

3. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters: same error in the Declaration remains – it still refers to this reissue application being a "CONTINUATION" (see more detailed information in the Office Action mailed on 12/01/2009 – the examiner also discussed this matter with the applicant's representative on 5/24/2010)

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this letter.

Conclusion

- Claims 1-22 are patentable.
- 5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CUONG H. NGUYEN whose telephone number is 571-272-6759 (email address: cuong.nguyen@uspto.gov). The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 am 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, THOMAS G. BLACK can be reached on 571-272-6956. The Rightfax number for the organization where this application is assigned is 571-273-6956.

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